

**PLACER COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES
OPEN SPACE MEETING**
Del Oro High School, Loomis
Saturday, March 23, 2002

Sponsored by the Placer County Animal Coalition

Placer County Animal Services
Friends of the Placer County Animal Shelters
Placer SPCA
Auburn Area Animal Rescue Foundation



On Saturday, March 23, 2002, about 65 community members came together at Del Oro High School in Loomis to discuss improvements to animal care services for the people and animals of Placer County.

Assistant County Administrative Officer Robert Bendorf welcomed the group, expressed appreciation for everyone's participation, and reported that this meeting was part of a County-wide effort to receive community input in planning the future of animal care services in Placer.



County facilitator Don Ferretti quickly explained the Open Space Technology approach, which is a meeting format designed to elicit and consolidate the opinions of a large group of stakeholders with high levels of diversity. He further explained the laws of Open Space Technology and how they would be applied to this meeting: (1) Whoever comes are the right people; (2) Whatever happens is the only thing that could have; (3) Whenever it starts is the right time; and (4) When it's over, it's over. All present were then welcomed to introduce the topics of personal interest to the "marketplace."



Topics for discussion were then posted on the bulletin board and the "marketplace" opened. With so many great topics, people struggled to decide which sessions to attend. It was impressive how everything sorted itself out and "order came out of chaos."



Session conveners brought their own styles in capturing and reporting the free-flowing discussion and were busy throughout the day typing up their notes at the computer stations. The County provided boxed lunches to the participants between sessions. Conveners summarized their group's discussion topics and prepared

summary reports. These reports are attached exactly as submitted to the County Executive Office (with a few typographical corrections) and may contain information that is not factual or complete.

Note: County comments on the discussion or programs, if any, are in red on each report, and were subsequently added for additional information and clarity, and to update participants and other stakeholders where progress has been made.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Protecting/preserving health of animals in existing shelter facility

CONVENER:

Cassie Reeves, AAARF

PARTICIPANTS:

Jan Phillips, Linda Martz, Liz Dycus, Mike Barnasch, Kim DeWoody, Ken Bottoff, Bill Lardner, Rosemary Frieborn

DISCUSSION NOTES:

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

Improve caging, add sneeze shields
Isolation areas for incoming animals
Vaccinate all incoming animals and KEEP RECORDS
Flea/tick control
Identify at-risk animals at intake and handle differently – pregnant/nursing animals directly to foster care, bypassing shelter completely

On site veterinarian (p/t) and registered vet tech (f/t)
Train all shelter staff on recognizing and identifying symptoms and reacting accordingly
Networking
Limit exposure to disease
Los and found matching
Training of foster care people (when to call the vet, when to vaccinate, etc.)
Limit public touching of animals to limit spread of disease
Strict cleaning protocol
Daily assessment of each animal by RVT or vet
Cohorts – group animals by intake date to monitor exposure to disease

Bathing/grooming
Skylights and indoor/outdoor runs (get some sunlight in!)
Personal hygiene (hand cleaning, shoes, clothing, etc.)

Most of the issues listed will be addressed and/or corrected with the \$300,000 remodel/upgrade of the Placer Auburn Shelter, which has already begun and will continue through the end of the year.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Trust Fund Dollars – Where are they?

CONVENER:

Georgiana Lohman

PARTICIPANTS:

Sam Simpson, Brad Banner, Jerry Boyer, Marilyn Jasper, Janet Thew, Veronica Blake, Alison Roby, Sue Stack

DISCUSSION NOTES:

HSUS invited by Placer County Animal Services (1998?) to assess shelter. Records reviewed and checked up on how animals were treated. Outcome was 100+ page report. On page 113 (Georgie's copy of report didn't include pg 113) seems all copies missing pg. 113. Trust for animals (Robinson Trust) had \$110,000. Employees donate money for shelter animals. Georgie wants an accounting of the money and start disbursing funds – public info.

- A. What is the status compared to report in 1998?
- B. Where did it go?
- C. Keep it out of the General Fund.

\$300,000.00 approved by Sups. for shelter improvements (General Fund \$'s). When is it going to happen? It needs to be done yesterday. Money going to improving cat housing.

Excel spreadsheet has 5 accounts in Trust just for animals.

1. Tahoe Vista Shelter Fund – used for dog walk.
2. Auburn Shelter Fund – used for sound baffles.
3. Greatest Need Fund – \$50,000 to \$60,000 used for ?
4. Spay/Neuter Fund – almost at 0 (Don't want to make Vets mad).
5. Robinson Trust – 3 members decide for care of small animals.

Ray Merz in charge of disbursements.

These funds are not publicized.

At a later date – report can be made public.

Trust Funds can be depleted.

County shelter on Radakovitz land.

On going dispute over trailer location.

ACLU advocating jails & juvenile detention centers. No one is advocating a new animal shelter.

“Inhumane living conditions” applies to both humans and animals.

Money is here to move forward and we cannot afford to wait to build a new shelter.
Money is NOT missing.

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

NEXT STEPS

1. Brad to provide report on where the money is.
2. What are the guidelines for distributing the money – Brad to handle.
3. Citizens are concerned about animals and write letters to Board of Supervisors to tell them that they are extremely supportive of the County allocating money to improve the existing shelter and to build a new one.
4. Conduct more research on how to appropriately use the Trust Fund money.

Subsequent to this meeting, a written status report on all Animal Control Trust Funds was made public by Environmental Health Director Brad Banner.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Volunteer Program

CONVENER:

Mike Paddock

PARTICIPANTS:

DISCUSSION NOTES:

1. Volunteer Coord. Position
2. List of volunteers (Done in group)
3. Define task(s) of vol. e.g.: a) Petco
4. Study / Evaluate Vol. Programs
 - A) Existing
 - B) New
 - C) Keeping vol.
 - D) Transportation assist. for vol.
 - E) Foster Care
 - F) Recognition / Awards
 - G) Training
 - H) Comm. Restitution work
 - I) Recruit

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

Details:

- 1 - Vol. Coord.
 - a) Paid Position / County Employee?
 - b) Develop / Oversee vol. progress.
 - c) Exp. & knowledge of County and it's codes/laws.
 - d) Responsible for community outreach – recruitment.
 - e) Strategy to advocate for position
 - 1) Part-Time
 - 2) Demonstrate need
 - 3) Current conditions
 - f) Train volunteers.
- 2 - Done – list supplied
- 3 Define tasks (of vol.)
 - a) From Coord.
 - b) Petco activities (pet adoptions)
 - c) Shelter – walk dogs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grooming - Respite for animals / take home for a bit - Training / socializing with animals - Fundraising - Adoption assist. - “Pet Match Maker” - Pet Bio’s - Adoption follow ups 4 More Details (study eval.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F. Recognize & reward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificates - Board presentation J. Vol. placed by desire and abilities (assessed by Coord.) K. Young adults as volunteers – school programs. (Non-Shelter) <p>(Added to list after discussion)</p> <p>Currently Animal Services has a recording that callers hear (telephone) after hours or even if employee is on line or can’t answer phone - could it be possible to create a voice mailbox branching off of this for people to hear the list of “needs” (for volunteers) or to leave more info about their willingness to volunteer.</p>

The County supports the principle of using volunteers as a valuable resource, and is considering volunteer programs by expanding its relationships with community-based volunteer organizations.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Employment

CONVENER:

Kim DeWoody

PARTICIPANTS:

Linda Webb, Ken Bottorf

DISCUSSION NOTES:

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RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

<p>Conditions – Higher pay to retain recruits</p> <p>Opportunities – Volunteer Coordinator</p>
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REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Euthanasia Has a Place & Ways to Reduce Euthanasia

CONVENER:

Lauren Jones

PARTICIPANTS:

Cassie Reeves, Georgiana Lohman, Freda Anderson, Stephanie Mahlberg, Frankie Devine, Debbie Bennett, Janeen Lozoya

DISCUSSION NOTES:

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

- Provide training, counseling & support for those who must perform euthanasia **The County has established contact with the Critical Incident Stress Management Team and will utilize it for employees needing such counseling and support.**
- Understanding euthanasia
- Exercise all options prior to euthanasia if appropriate
- Full documentation / accountability by all
- Defining “adoptable”; the reason for euthanasia
- Educate public on definition of “No Kill”
- May not be breed specific (at this time).
- Use of written temperament / physical evaluation to help determine adoptability
- Use of cross evaluation
- Evaluate after “x” period of time (3 day min)
- Try to use breed specific / rescue volunteers to temperament test that breed (County assumes liability)
- Change perception of shelter (away from “evil dog killing pound”)
- Change in facility (2 entrances / 2 “sections”)
- Improve shelter conditions to reduce disease transmission
- Keep statistics as to where animals come from, how many are redeemed by owner, adopted, euthanized and categorize why **The County will work with SPCA to develop a system to keep these stats.**
- Emergency short term foster care (to allow for rescue group pick up)
- Ways to reduce euthanasia
- Be Pro-active in solutions – advocacy
- Spay/Neuter to reduce numbers
- Increase adoptions
 - Make shelter more attractive

- Improve facility to reduce disease transmission
- Problem resolution of pets to prevent surrender
- Change attitude of county to promote adoptions
- Use of emergency “foster” care to prevent a clearly owned animal from entering the facility
- Promote “tagging” of cats & dogs
- Change ordinance that defines a breeder as 2 litters per year
- Increase collaboration with other animal welfare groups.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Trap Neuter Release (TNR)

CONVENER:

John Bennett (Folsom Feline Rescue)

PARTICIPANTS:

Hope McCann, Catherine McCann, Pam Ross, Susan Trout, Janet Thew

DISCUSSION NOTES:

Why TNR?

OPTIONS FOR FERAL CATS:

- 1) Can we do anything?
 - A) Cats multiply
 - B) Requires more food
 - C) Cats fight and spread viruses to neighbor cats
 - 2) Can we trap & euthanize?
 - A) Cat colony will try and over populate to compensate for colony loss
 - B) New cats will enter area and start new colony
 - 3) Can we trap & release?
 - A) Stops population growth
 - B) Cats keep other cats from coming into colony
- Docking ears indicates altered versus unaltered animals

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

ISSUES

Birds – Environment loss biggest factor in population loss of birds.

Cost – Free until June through FCAP-EVMA program, new programs in the Works.

Zero Growth? – No population growth not needed. Need to go from uncontrolled To a controlled environment

RECOMMENDATIONS

Resources:

Alley Cat Allies (www.alleycat.com)
San Diego Feral Cat Coalition (www.feralcat.org)
San Francisco SPCA (www.sfspca.org)
Folsom Feline Rescue (www.folsomfelines.org)

What To Do If:

FELV/FIV - How to test

- Test only sick
- Spot test
- Test all trapped

What if positive

- Remove from colony forever
- Euthanize?
- Single cat area in FELV colony

Adoptable / Rehabilitate

- TNR all cats, no questions
- 1-2 week evaluation

Pregnant

- Abort during spay preferred
- Hold until birth and care requires long term resources

The County will discuss this information with its Agricultural Commissioner Christine Turner. She may be interested in contacting Mr. Bennett regarding this program.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Mandatory Humane Education at Elementary School Level

CONVENER:

Alison Roby

PARTICIPANTS:

Susan Trout, Frankie Devine, Charlene & Jerry Boyer

DISCUSSION NOTES:

Mandate Humane Education in Public Schools

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

Education – Mandatory Humane Education at Elementary Level in Public Schools

- Cruelty to animals can lead to cruelty to people
- Spay / Neuter
- Respect for life
- Responsibility
- Lifetime commitment (for the animals life)
- Reality vs Hollywood (101 Dalmations)
- The children can teach their parents
- Bring animals to classes to teach with
- How to put in place? (Lobby elected officials)

Educate Adults - Dissemination of information to reach every corner of society through various types of media:

- Lobby elected officials for funding
- Ask vets to band together to pay for this
- Health benefits of Spay / Neuter
- Danger to free-roaming cats or dogs
- Longer life span for indoor animals
- Birds & native wildlife are not endangered by indoor pets

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

How to More Aggressively Promote The Adoption of Cats

CONVENER:

Kathleen Rubish

PARTICIPANTS:

Roane Simkin, Janet Thew, John Bennett, Rosemary Frieborn, Kathleen Rubish, Pam Ross

DISCUSSION NOTES:

A suggestion was made to access the media to let people know where cats are available for adoption.

Create a discussion list with participation from all Placer County shelters, rescue groups, and humane societies to facilitate the communication and coordinate collaboration of adoptions. **A discussion list will be completed June 1, 2002.**

Utilize Pet Finders and other animal adoption web sites where photos of cats can be posted.

Contact Sac Bee Neighbors section "Animal Corner" to get photos of a pet inserted.

Local papers are a great resource.

Make a sign for the exterior of the Cat House along with the web site address. **A new sign was completed and displayed in April.**

Contact Best Friends Animal Sanctuary to obtain guidelines for media presentation along with Alley Cat Allies.

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

See Above

Note: June is "Adopt-a-Cat" Month.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Creating An Animal Sanctuary in Placer County

CONVENER:

Laura Stuart

PARTICIPANTS:

Cassie Reeves, Freda Anderson, Lauren Jones, Ken Bottorf, Stephanie
Mahlberg, Lisa Hanson, Linda Martz, Hope McCann, Carolyn Hernig, Carol
Gans, Debbie Bennett, Kathryn McCann, Mike Bannasch

DISCUSSION NOTES: **Animal Sanctuary**

Phase I – Public & Private

- Best Friends – Utah
- All adoptable animals have a home > 2 year goal?

Phase II – Private

- Unadoptable animals have a home {Fenced in – Dog Run}
- Unnecessary killing
- Miraculous results with vicious animals
- Private funding – all volunteer

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

Phase I - 2 Year Goal

- More space/acreage
- Updated shelter
- Internal organizational change to make this reality – top level support
- Cat House (an example)
- Acceptable behavior standards from SPCA
- San Francisco SPCA does physical temperament evaluation; treatable (fixable with time) – network for this (Private?) – Early intervention
- Education on Spay/Neuter (Schools – starting at kindergarten level, Girl/Boy Scouts, etc.)
- Resources – Money & Focus
- Start RFP process earlier
- Publicize poor conditions animals are currently living under (Example: Horses at Auburn's shelter...now being fed well but knee deep in mud. Better or worse off now?)
- County holding up money. Politics?
- Be a voice for animals
- Focus on geographic areas
- Second Step training for kids
- Get more people into the shelter.
 - Change hours to better accommodate working people
 - Spruce up the place with paint etc
 - Make more inviting (feed people?)
 - Publicize statistics (In/Out and Why)
- Adoption a priority
- Pet Ware / Chameleon
 - Dr. Kay Hurley – Animal Care Conference in Anaheim Apr. 21-23
 - Statistics – focus on where to fix problem (data – where headed)
 - Inbox unsigned category

- Cat licensing to raise money / awareness
- Micro-chip animals and “peoplize” cats

Phase II

- Take some impact from public sector
- Acquire acreage
- Money available if look for / believe it can happen
- Volunteers and some paid CE's
- Ultimate goal – animal sanctuary like Best Friends – Utah. (Also, San Diego group)
- Entire state buy into concept (or an entire County – first county in state?)
- Collaborate w/government

- STEPS

- 1 - At risk – smaller - Wild Cat Villa
 - Start small
 - Start with individuals
 - 2 - Try to find large space without impacting neighbors, etc – consider zoning
 - Who, what, where, when, how (Best friends – 6 committed people)
- Collaborative Effort** – Joint powers
- Veterinarian at shelter
 - Realistic accounting of how much it will cost
 - Adopt an animal concept (from zoo)
 - Believe it is possible – change minds that it can happen (Education)

The County will consider these issues as it explores animal care community partnerships.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Cruelty Defined

CONVENER:

Susan Trout

PARTICIPANTS:

Jerry & Charleen Boyer, Robert & Cynthia Cooper, Kim DeWoody, Brenda Fong
Brad Banna Maryann Bergdof, Alison Rob y Jan Phillips Lis Dycus Sam Simpson
Gretchen Jerek Linda Webb

DISCUSSION NOTES:

Obvious to Debatable
No absolutes – not black and white
Conditions may warrant different “techniques” (training – humane tech vs. “cruel” methods – misused.
Ends are justified if intentions and actions are carefully considered and studied
Many variables
New pet “humane” action packet (vide, socializing, training, etc)
Correlation between violence and animal cruelty
Teenage boys – especially with cats

EDUCATION

Public Serviced Announcements (TV ads, outside dog)
Declawing, Spaying
 Neutering , etc issues perceived as some to be “cruel”
Volunteer in schools
Be active re. Toys, commercials that may inadvertently promote cruelty
What can we impact?
How can we be effective in educating – into the schools for younger ages
Parental education as well
Fundraising around education issues
Develop / Fund materials for handouts @ schools
Pet = Chattel or responsibility
In defense of animals / PETA
Intervention
 Enforcement of ordinances
Write/call – influence elected officials to create / strengthen animal related laws/ordinances, etc.

Placer SPCA has a “Pet Parenting Class.” The County, with its community partners, will explore the possibility of establishing an education program in Placer grammar schools as well as in the community.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Reorganization of Animal Pick-Ups and their housing in the county

CONVENER:

Norma A. Myers

PARTICIPANTS:

Veronica Blake

DISCUSSION NOTES:

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

From a citizen's point of view, there are too many places to check for a lost pet in this and surrounding areas

Choose an area (either municipal or geographic) from which all strays, abandoned and surrendered animals, are to be picked-up by County Animal Control (and/or individual municipality officers) and brought to one place : SPCA in Roseville

All large animals and farm animals, as well as dead animals are to be brought to the County facility in Auburn. These pick-ups would also include all animals who are victims of abuse and evidence in a police action or subject to court orders. Upon release of court orders or resolution of the police action, smaller animals are to be released to the SPCA in Roseville.

Many people equate Placer SPCA with county government and expect complete resolution of their problem. In their distress they lash out and leave with the belief that no one cares. That is the wrong message to give the public from whom you want cooperation in matters relating to pet population control and pet behavior. To implement this program, the SPCA in Roseville will have to be greatly enlarged and up-dated.

Roane Simkim suggested putting pictures of found animals on the internet to help owners find their lost pets

The County will consider these issues as it explores animal care community partnerships.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Behavioral Issues & Neighborhood Attacks

CONVENER:

Janeen Lozoya

PARTICIPANTS:

Sue Stack, Georgiana Lohman, Alina Hopkins, Frankie Devine,
Colleen Koebbe, Shelley Gibbons, Mike Bannasch

DISCUSSION NOTES:

- Animal Attacks: Owners responsibility for animals behavior as well as responsibility of victim for their inappropriate behavior toward the animal.
- The close parallel between child training and appropriate animal training.
- A lifetime commitment to the animals
- Lack of understanding and education of pet owners
- Animal nutrition and the relationship to animal behavior.

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

- More education and training for pet owners
- Consequences for owners of aggressive and abused animals

The County will develop a one-page handout for pet owners. Also it will add a link on the Animal Control Web Page to the SPCA which has a “behavior handout” on its website.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Low Cost Veterinary Care for Low Income Placer Co. Residents

CONVENER:

Jan Phillips

PARTICIPANTS:

Jerry Boyer, Liz Dycus, Linda Martz, Kim DeWoody, Nancy Hall, Sue Stack

DISCUSSION NOTES:

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

Screening program to assess “low income” status

- Issue card (like Srs. Discount), renewable annually
- Require completion of application, submission of last tax return, etc.,
- Ability to pay criteria: sliding scale vs. outright grant; *Loan program option*
- Medi-Cal or SSI card would be acceptable in lieu of application

Vet Participation Program

- Solicit participation
- Educate them on need (attend their CE classes, outreach through professional orgs., etc.)
- Enlist assistance of retired vets: services offered at shelters or at recipients' homes
- Offer services at the new shelter using the on-site vet

Fundraising

- Grants (explain low income screening process)
- Fundraising through FPCAS, SPCA, AAARF with earmarked funds
- State Income Tax form donation box
- Ask vets how best to create “donation program” like PG&E’s whereby PG&E customers can check a box to donate to pay low income resident’s utility bills
- Talk to Mattie’s Fund about fundraising ideas
- Lobby the state for money for county/shelters based on new legislation that mandates treatment of incoming animals
- United Animal Nations – talk to them about a loan program; how they administer their grants

Other

- Create a Placer County Animal Resource Directory to be posted on county and group websites, in the phone book (front section, blue section & yellow pages), periodic listing in local papers **Placer County Animal Care Services will work to create this directory for public distribution.**

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Foster Care

CONVENER:

Ken Bottorff

PARTICIPANTS:

Kim Dewoddy, Alina Hopkins

DISCUSSION NOTES:

Foster Care:

1. Volunteers
2. Training
3. Education
4. Reasonable expectations i.e. adoptability of animal
5. Time-transport to adoptions, vet, etc.
6. Housing requirements-fencing, kennels, yard, etc shelter

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

The County supports the principle of using volunteers as a valuable resource, and is considering volunteer programs by expanding its relationships with community-based volunteer organizations.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Supporting pets in homes

CONVENER:

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PARTICIPANTS:

Didn't get all their names

DISCUSSION NOTES:

We talked about the idea of having a network of people who could share advice for helping a dog or cat adjust to their environment. It would not be for crisis situations, but more like sharing and making the most of relationships – continuous improvement for animal caretakers.

Also talked about having a cooperative pet sitting club which could help people who occasionally have to travel.

Could Placer County sponsor something like the “Wednesday night dog chat” or some other forum for discussions of behavior problems and training.

We also talked about having information for tourists about where they could board their animals short-term while they are spending money in Placer County (this is the angle that should get the county interested) – could animal control do this? **The County will develop an Animal Services Resource Directory.**

Generally interested in how people can get practical advice and animal psychology help.

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Mandatory Microchipping

CONVENER:

Georgiana Lohman

PARTICIPANTS:

John Bennett, Kaitleen Rubish

DISCUSSION NOTES:

Mandatory Microchipping

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

-Avid and Home again (Difference-best for animal)
-How to buy; bulk and discount
-How to and who will implant
-Scanning: whole body v. Hand held. (Shelter and/or field intake to scan)
-Accountability (who and date) for scanning
-How to implement "Mandatory"
-How to finance program
-Who else does this? (find out how they solved problems)

Animal Care Services will list available microchip services in the County in its Animal Services Resource Directory.

REPORT FORMAT

TOPIC:

Building a New Animal Shelter by 2005 – Exploring Fundraising

CONVENER:

Rosemary Frieborn

PARTICIPANTS:

Alina Hopkins, Linda C. Martz, Coral Gans, Colleen Koeth, Jan Phillips, Liz Dryeirs, Joan Bennett, Lauven Jones, Rich Ward, Linda Wellin, Debbie Bennett, Cassie Reeves, Rosemary Frieborn

DISCUSSION NOTES:

Everyone in the group agreed that the new shelter needs to be built before 2005!

RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS:

\$ Fundraising \$ to expedite the building process

- Sponsorships
- celebrity sponsors
- cat licensing/ dog licensing
- “buy a brick”
- use \$300,000 in county for “remodel” funds to build new shelter instead
- local service groups(Lions Club, Rotary)
- Phone bank/pledges
- local business support (% of proceeds)
- Restaurant where volunteers provide service (i.e. CHP/ Police fundraisers)
- “Pet” lottery (specific breeds)
- Silent auction
- “Cash” raffle (collect \$ and give a portion as a prize)
- joint powers funds (city, county)
- grants
- partnerships with rescue groups to raise money
- increase tax base (sales tax?)
- float a bond issue
- pet walk
- training sessions (volunteer trainer)
- PSA's (KAHI, KHYL, KVMR)
- Flyball/agility demonstration/workshop
- internet advertising about the shelter needing funds
- work the media-tell the animal stories and ask for help
- collection jars at vet clinics, pet stores, etc. “Help us build a Shelter.”

- People can purchase a paper dog house from local stores (Copy MDA, MS idea ~ Shamrock w/ sponsor)
- increase tax on new developments
- united way type funding
- donating cars/houses
- estate planning for shelter funds/land
- pet ids, Christmas ornament sales, "pawprint"
- bell ringers standing outside stores
- "Wild Things", "Wild About Cats" (affiliates to help fundraise)
- ice cream social
- summer camp for kids (educate & earn \$)
- spaghetti feed/ crab feed
- BBQ days
- music festival
- shelter community (multiple group facilities in one area)
- raffles
- increasing awareness for the shelter needs and existence
- pet wash
- car wash
- donations must be earmarked for shelter construction
- inquire within the Placer Legacy program to find land donors

Actual Construction—by 2005

- ?Where?? Identify location and secure now
- use volunteer contractors
- "habitat for humanity" type program
- shelter wanted/needed by 2005
- isolation area
- central heat/air ventilation
- veterinary clinic on site
- office area
- get acquainted area
- volunteer area
- indoor/outdoor runs
- training area
- livestock accommodations
- aviary/reptile areas
- dog evaluation room
- laundry room
- crematory for private euthanasia
- sound proofing
- bathing area
- separate cat & dog areas
- colonies for "adoptables" after isolation period
- "glass" instead of bars
- employee break room

- locker room/showers
- disaster handling/relief area

Other issues—

- liaison with county to keep this issue in the foreground
- demonstrate how our “animal” programs serve voting *“people”*.

The community meeting from which these reports were received is part of Placer County’s effort to seek community input on improving its animal care services. Also, the County feels it is important to seek and solidify community partnerships to further improve the network of animal caregivers and services.

A new shelter (when, where, and funding) is one of those items under consideration. An ad hoc committee, which planned today’s meeting, is diligently moving forward with the planning effort.

A new shelter is one of many capital projects the County has included in its Capital Projects Ten-Year Funding Plan, but the expectation is that considerable community support and fundraising will be necessary to make a new shelter a reality.

